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SUBJECT: US USE OF NATO IIIB SATELLITE
USNMR SHAPE FOR CANDE AND CONTROLLER NICS COA
REF: EXTENSION TO THE NATO IIIB MOU SIGNED 16 JAN 78

1. THE US USE OF THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE WAS EXTENDED
BY REF A UNTIL ABOUT APRIL 1978.
2. THE DUAL LAUNCH OF DSCS II SATELLITES 9439 AND
9440 ATTEMPTED MAR 25, 1978 WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. DCA HAD
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PLANNED TO POSITION ONE OF THE TWO SATELLITES OVER THE
EAST PACIFIC OCEAN AS THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE BORROWED
NATO IIIB SATELLITE, AND TO RETURN THE LATTER SATELLITE
TO NATO. DUE TO THE LAUNCH FAILURE, AND BECAUSE THE
NEXT DSCS II REPLACEMENTS (9441 AND 9442) ARE NOT
SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1978, THE RETURN
OF THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE AT THIS TIME WOULD LEAVE THE

VITAL EASTPAC AREA WITHOUT SATELLITE COVERAGE FOR THE US.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, DCA REQUESTS AN EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JAN 1, 1979. COMPENSATION TO NATO FOR AN EQUIVALENT EXTENSION PERIOD WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADDED TO THE ONE YEAR COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR IN

SECTION B, PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE NATO IIIB MOU, AND TO THE EXTENSION PERIOD COVERED BY REF A.

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